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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Amirkhanian, et al.

Serial No.: 10/060,052

Filing Date: January 28, 2002

For: OPTICAL DETECTION IN A MULTI-  
CHANNEL BIO-SEPARATION  
SYSTEM

Examiner: Smith, Richard A.

Group Art Unit: 2859

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

TRANSMITTAL FOR RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the Final Office Action dated November 19, 2003 in the above-referenced patent application:

- ☒ **Petition under 37 CFR 1.136** is hereby made and the appropriate fee under 37 CFR 1.17 is filed herewith to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2003 is due, by **two months** from February 19, 2004 to April 19, 2004, for which the requisite fee for Extension of Time is enclosed. (2-month).
- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☒ Other enclosures: Return Postcard and Check.

The fee (if any) has been calculated as follows:

FOR	CLAIMS ON FILE AFTER THIS AMENDMENT MINUS HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	CALCULATIONS
TOTAL CLAIMS	10-13	0	x \$18.00	\$0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3-3	0	x \$84.00	\$0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if not previously paid for and presented for the first time) *			+ \$280.00	\$0
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$0
Reduction by ½ for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).				\$0
			SUB TOTAL =	\$0
Petition for Extension of Time (2-month; small entity fee)				\$210
			TOTAL =	\$210

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$210.00 is attached.
- ☐ Please charge \$0.00 to **Deposit Account No. 501288** referencing docket no. 1031/209.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this transmittal and associated documents, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 501288** referencing docket no. 1031/209.

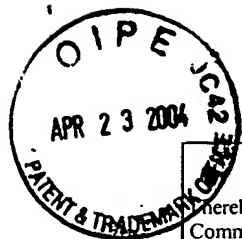
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Dated: April 19, 2004



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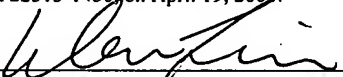
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 19, 2003, the time for response to which has been extended two-month by the request for extension in the accompanying transmittal, kindly enter the amendments below and consider the remarks below in connection with the above-identified patent application.

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